

Twa Corbies

Traditional: Performed by Maddy Prior

As I was walking all alane
I heard twa corbies making a main
And tane untae the tither did say O
Where shall we gang and dine the day O
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In behint yon auld fell dyke
I wat there lies a new slain knight
And naebody kens that he lies there O
But his hawk and his hound and his lady fair
O
His hawk and his hound and his lady fair

His hound is tae the hunting gane
His hound tae fetch the wild fowl hame
His lady's taen anither mate O
So we maun make our dinner sweet O
We maun make our dinner sweet

Ye'll sit on his white hause bane
And I'll pike out his bonny blue een
Wi mony a lock o' his gowden hair O
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare O
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare

Mony a one for him makes main
But nane shall ken where he is gane
O'er his white bones when they are bare O
The wind shall blow forever mair O
The wind shall blow forever mair

(alt.lyrics)

As I was walking all alane
I heard twa corbies makin' mane
And one ontae the other did say
Where shall we gang and dine the day
Where shall we gang and dine the day

In behind yon oul fail dyke
I wot there lies a new slain knight
And naebody kens that he lies there
But his hawk and his hound and his lady fair
His hawk and his hound and his lady fair

His hawk is tae the hunting gane
His hound to fetch the wild fowl hane
His lady has taken another mate
So we can make our dinner sweet
We can make our dinner sweet

You can sit on his white breast bone
And I'll pick out his bonny blue e'en
And with a lock of his yellow hair
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare

And many's a one for him makes mane
Naebody kens where he has gane
Through his white bones when they grow
bare
The wind shall blow forever mare
The wind shall blow forever mare

(theek=feather our nest)